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## UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD SECURITY COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Computer Security Subcommittee

SUBJECT

: Security Level of Community On-Line

Intelligence System (COINS)

REFERENCE

: Information Handling Committee-M-345

dated 3 October 1972; Same Subject

- 1. The Information Handling Committee reference reflects an IHC proposal that the COINS facilities and all access to these facilities be secured to the TK level.
- 2. Because there are important security implications connected with this proposal, the IHC has requested a Security Committee review of the proposal and submission of appropriate recommendations.
- 3. This proposal, which is attached, properly falls within the expertise of the Computer Security Subcommittee. You are instructed, therefore, to bring this matter before the Subcommittee at your next meeting which I understand is scheduled for Friday, 13 October. Expeditious action will be appreciated.

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Howard J. Osborn
Chairman
Security Committee

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IHC-MM-345 3 October 1972

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Security Committee

SUBJECT : Security Level of COINS

REFERENCE: IHC-M-48, 14 August 1972, Attachment 2

- 1. The DIA member of the IHC recently proposed (see Reference attached) "that the COINS facilities and all access to these facilities be secured to the TK level." This proposal has been discussed at two successive Committee meetings.
- 2. The security implications of this proposal are of paramount importance. Thus, it is requested that the Security Committee examine this proposal with respect to its security implications and inform the IHC of its findings. An early reply would be appreciated.

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Attachment 2 to IHC-M-48 14 August 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Security Level of COINS (U)

- 1. (C) From the beginning of on-line data systems in intelligence, users have consistently stated a requirement to process both SI and TK files. Utility evaluation of a system handling only SI data will be incomplete, and perhaps biased, until TK files can be accommodated.
- 2. (C) A recent informal inquiry among the agencies and organizations now accessing COINS suggests a unanimous desire to raise the network to the TK level. In each case, available information indicates that the changing of the network to TK would not incur significant problems or costs.
- 3. (C) In view of the universality of the requirement, it does not appear reasonable to delay the use of TK material in the system until an authorized and approved multilevel security system can be developed. Such secure multilevel capability still appears to be some time off.
- 4. (C) It is proposed, therefore, that the COINS facilities and all access to those facilities be secured to the TK level. It is requested that this proposal be presented for formal consideration by the Committee membership. Of course, consideration and implementation of this proposal should not delay or defer continuing developmental efforts toward a secure multilevel system.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

MAURICE H. HELLNER DIA Member, IHC

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